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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to support broadband competition. I'm fortunate enough that I live in the Bay Area where we have great competition in broadband beyond the large telco companies.

Many years ago, I switched ISPs from Comcast cable to AT&T DSL, to a local company called Sonic. Sonic gave me similar internet speeds at a lower price than the previous companies with (and I can't stress this enough) UNBELIEVABLE customer service. I have never dealt with a company of any kind that has such incredible customer service and I'm feel so proud and lucky that Sonic is available to me.

After many years using Sonic's DSL service, they rolled out fiber service to my neighborhood...for the SAME PRICE as DSL. There's no other company that provides such amazing service i my neighborhood...especially with prices as low as Sonic's. They also provide me with an amazing landline with lots of features that other telcos don't include.

Beyond the great service and price, I use Sonic because of their amazing commitment to user privacy and net neutrality; things that are important to me, but not necessarily to the larger telcos.

I don't want to live in a world where Sonic doesn't exist. The choice to use only giant telcos like AT&T and Comcast is no choice at all. Please continue to support real broadband competition.

Thank you.

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